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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

detecting that a connection is lost while a call between a telephone and a party is in progress;

prompting via the telephone for a user-entered message in response to the detecting;

saving the user-entered message until the connection is available;

sending the user-entered message after the connection is available to the party of the call; and

requesting, from the telephone to a server, that the server send a transcript of previously-sent messages stored at the server from the server to the party of the call after the connection is available.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the sending further comprises:

sending the user-entered message to the party of the call via the server.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

receiving an acknowledgment from the server; and

presenting the acknowledgment.

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for detecting that a connection is unavailable while a call between a telephone and a party is in progress;

means for receiving at least one user-entered message via the telephone;

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means for saving the at least one user-entered message until the connection is available;

means for sending the at least one user-entered message to the party of the call after the connection is available; and

means for requesting, from the telephone to the server, that a server send a transcript of previously-sent messages stored at the server from the server to the party of the call after the connection is available.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the means for sending the at least one user-entered message further comprises:

means for sending the at least one user-entered message -via the server.

9. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:

means for receiving an acknowledgment that the at least one user-entered message was received at the server; and

means for presenting the acknowledgment.

10. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:

means for receiving an acknowledgment that the at least one user-entered message was sent from the server to the party; and

means for presenting the acknowledgment.

11. (Currently Amended) A signal-bearing medium encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed comprise:

detecting that a connection is lost while a call between a telephone and a party is in progress;

prompting for a user-entered message via the telephone in response to the detecting;

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receiving the user-entered message in response to the prompting;  
determining whether the connection is available;  
if the connection is unavailable, saving the user-entered message until the  
connection is available;  
sending the user-entered message to the party of the call after the connection is  
available; and  
requesting, from the telephone to the server, that a server send a transcript of  
previously-sent messages stored at the server from the server to the party of the call after  
the connection is available.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when  
executed on the processor comprise:

receiving a command, wherein the command designates a destination and  
a criteria, and wherein the command is sent to the server from a telephone in  
response to the telephone detecting that a connection is lost while a call from the  
telephone to a party is in progress,

retrieving a transcript of previously-sent messages at the server based on  
the criteria,

receiving a user-entered message that was prompted for in response to the  
telephone detecting that the connection was lost,

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determining whether the connection is available, and  
when the connection is available, sending the transcript of previously-sent  
messages and the user-entered message to the destination, wherein the destination  
comprises the party to the call.

17. (Original) The server of claim 16, wherein the criteria further comprise:  
an identification of a sender that previously sent the saved message via the server.

18. (Original) The server of claim 16, wherein the criteria further comprise:  
an identification of a receiver that previously received the saved message from the  
server.

19. (Previously presented) The server of claim 16, wherein the instructions further  
comprise:

sending an acknowledgement to the telephone after the receiving.

20. (Previously presented) The server of claim 16, wherein the instructions further  
comprise:

sending an acknowledgment to the telephone after the sending.